



Elementary Faith Formation

Parent Meeting

Guidelines and Expectations

2026-2027

CLASSES BEGIN SEPTEMBER 22/23

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Agenda

- ✓ **Welcome and Introductions**
- ✓ **Purpose of Elementary Faith Formation**
- ✓ **What children will experience this year**
- ✓ **How parents can support faith at home**
- ✓ **Guidelines - Important dates - Communication**

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Mary Queen website - MQ EEF website



Mass Times

Elementary Faith Formation Kindergarten - 5th Grade

"I have no greater joy than to hear that my children are walking in the truth." 3 John 1:4

Our Elementary Faith Formation Program is a vibrant beginning to your child's lifelong journey of faith. Each year, we seek to nurture and build upon a strong foundation of faith that will support your child as he or she grows to know, love, and serve Jesus.

We are called to partner together—parents, families, and our faith community—as we teach, inspire, and encourage your children to develop a lifelong love of Jesus.

Elementary Faith Formation provides catechesis for children in kindergarten through 5th Grade. Our primary resource is Finding God: Our Response to God's Gifts from Loyola Press, along with additional resources from the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston.

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Year-at-a Glance

- Theme** – Saints in Training
- Book** – Loyola Press
Finding God (grade levels)
- 1 or 2 Chapters** covered with enrichment activities
- 2 Plays** to watch during the year
- Circle of Grace** Lesson in Jan.
- Book remains at MQ
- Sent home at end of the year

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Elementary Faith Formation Calendar

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 Tuesday Class	 Wednesday Class	 No Class
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September

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

October

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

November

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

December

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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Tues/Wed

9/22	9/23	First Class
9/29	9/30	CCE
10/6	10/7	CCE
10/13	10/14	CCE
10/27	10/28	CCE
11/3	11/4	CCE
11/10	11/11	CCE
11/17	11/18	CCE
12/1	12/2	First Grade Play Rehearsal
12/15	12/16	First Grade Play
1/12	1/13	OPTIONAL CLASS - Circle of Grace
1/19	1/20	CCE
2/2	2/3	CCE
2/10 - Wednesday		Ash Wednesday
2/16	2/17	CCE
2/23	2/24	CCE
3/2	3/3	CCE
3/16	3/17	Bible Infusion Rehearsal
3/23	3/24	Bible Infusion Rehearsal
4/6	4/7	4th & 5th Grade Bible Infusion
4/13	4/14	Last Day of Classes

Absentee Policy: Our absentee policy is 3 times for the year.

January

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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February

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
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March

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
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14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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April

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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Parent Support

-Class Attendance

-Prayer Time at Home

-Weekly Mass

-Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday's 9:30 and 11:30 Mass (5yrs -10)

-2 Hands of Christ 1 Fall/1 Spring

Family opportunity living out the faith our children are learning about
(Know Faith, Grow Faith, Do Faith)

Volunteer – sign up TODAY!

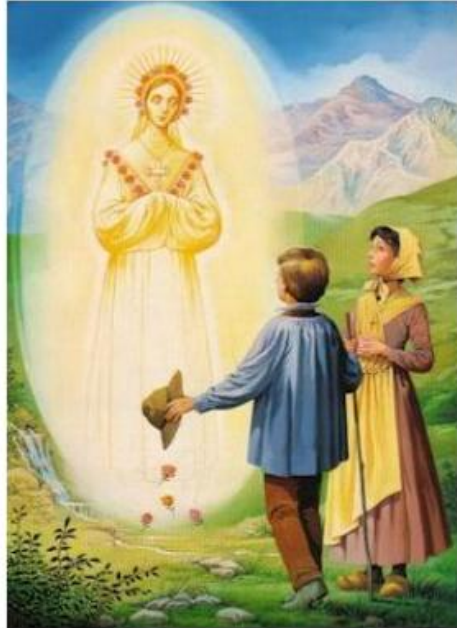
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-Friday Family Fun Events

Throughout the year, join us for **Friday Family Fun**, a series of evenings designed to bring families together for faith, fellowship, and fun! Events are held from **6:00–7:30 p.m.**

- 🎃 **October 16** – Pumpkin Decorating
- 🚗 🍬 **October 30** – Trunk or Treat
- 🍪 🎵 **December 11** – Cookies and Caroling
- 🥞 🙏 🛌 **January 22** – Pancakes, Prayer, and Pajamas – Movie Night
- ✚ **February 19** – EFF Stations of the Cross
- 👑 🌹 **May (TBA)** – May Crowning and Living Rosary
- 🎵 🌳 **May (TBA)** – Concert in the Park

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K-5th Grade

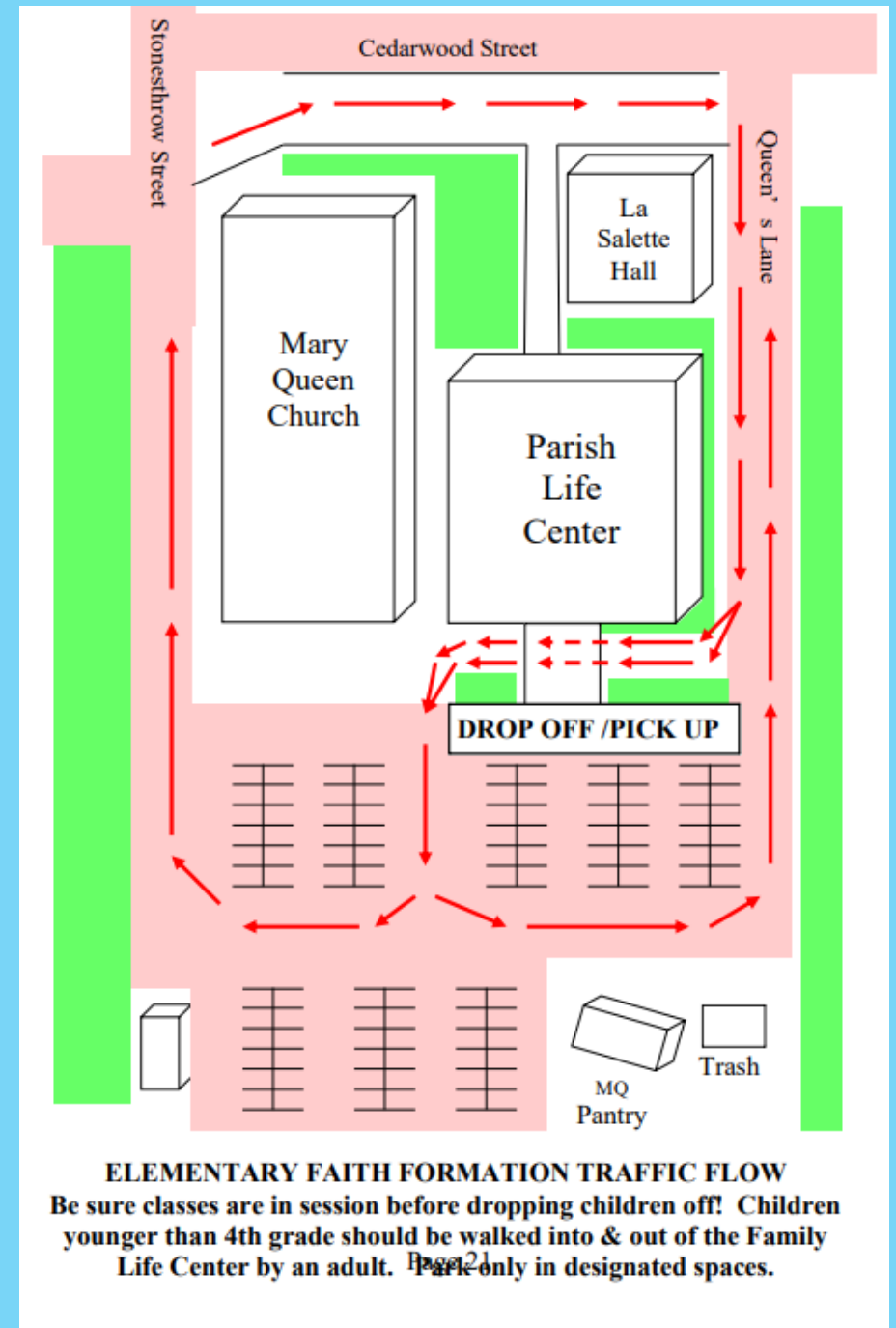
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Drop Off/Pick Up & Traffic Flow

- Children should **NEVER** be walking in the parking lot alone at drop off or Pick up!
- Parents can drop off under the canopy or park and walk their child into the building.
- Students report directly to Mini Hall except on first day of class (report to classroom)
- Follow the traffic pattern for the safety of all children



Drop Off/Pick Up Continued

-1st class Sept 22/23

(students will report to classrooms)

-K - 3rd Exit Ticket Picture must be taken
(child holding exit ticket)

-Parent will use this picture saved on their
phone for pick up All YEAR!

You will ALWAYS have to show the photo

-4th /5th graders can dismiss self
(dismissal form on file for younger sibling)



Special Information

Need to leave early – email request sent to Linda Smith (Hall Monitor will have the message and escort you to the classroom) -
-please limit interruptions

Health Notes (Allergies etc.) – information listed on registration form

Escort Form (4th/5th grade sibling pick up)

Always feel free to email call or see me for any questions.



Volunteer Needs

* Subs

-Tuesdays 4pm and Wednesdays 4pm (needed)

Permanent Substitute Catechist

Our permanent subs are assigned to a specific class rotation (ex: Tuesday's at 4 PM). If a teacher is in need of a substitute, the permanent sub would step in to teach their class. If we have all our teachers on a given class day, the permanent sub will either assist with one of the larger classes, or act as a hall monitor. A permanent sub would attend all twenty classes.

Substitute Catechist

Our substitute catechists are on standby to step in for our lead catechists in the instance of a last-minute emergency (family health emergency, car trouble, last minute work trip, etc.). Unlike the Permanent Substitute Catechist, they are only called in 5-6 times per year, depending on need.

Other ways to Volunteer – see sign up list

-Friday Family Fun Events, Snacks, other ideas are welcome

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Thank you for coming!

I am looking forward to working with each of you and being part of your child's faith journey.

- ✓ Sign up to Volunteer – see table for sheets
- ✓ Today's presentation will be posted on the EFF website
- ✓ Write 3 blessings you hope your child learns this year on the shield, cut the shield out and leave on the table at the front
- ✓ See me individually for Questions

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